in inspecting each of the several offices, such as the Customs House, the Range Office, etc., in the several places?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Are the Government satisfied with the work done by him?

PRESIDENT: It does not arise here.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Do not the Government think that the travelling allowance of Rs. 317 is too high for the work done?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No, the Government do not think so.

Recovery of Loss on account of Re-auction of Toddy Shops.

191. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel cum Vilavankod*): (*a*) With reference to the answer to question No. 59 asked on the 21st Karkatakam, 1098, will the Government be pleased to state the amount of the loss hitherto recovered from the original bidders in case of re-auction?

(*b*) How many of the original bidders were again given contracts for the lesser amounts bid on re-auction?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) A sum of Rs. 6,805 Chs.4 cash 1 has been realised on account of arrears and loss by resale from the original purchasers of the shops resold in 1098.

(*b*) None.

Trivandrum Water-Supply Scheme.

192. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state in what stage the scheme of water-supply to Trivandrum is, whether there is any prospect of giving the town a good supply of water, and, if so, when?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer to question No. 55 given at the meeting of the Council held on the 2nd November, 1923.

Removal of Nightsoil.

193. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Are the Government aware that most of the nightsoil carts used in Trivandrum are old and unserviceable, some of these being covered with gunny bags and that the present system of removal of nightsoil is most unsatisfactory?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer to the first part of the question is in the negative. A few of the nightsoil carts are reported to have become old and unserviceable and new carts have been got down to replace them. It is stated that no nightsoil cart is covered with gunny bags. Government do not consider that the present arrangement for the removal of nightsoil is unsatisfactory.

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